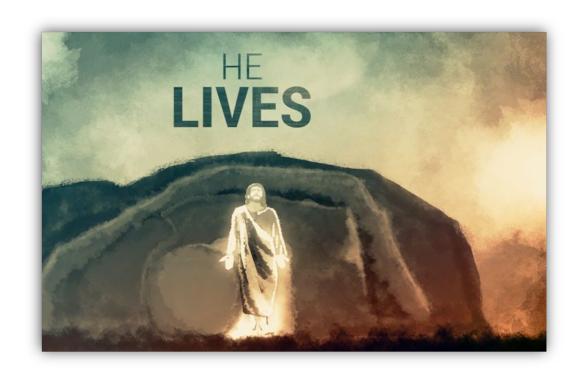
Second Sunday of Easter

April 21 & 24, 2022



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WORSHIP NOTES Our relationship with the Lord restores the ability to be a best friend for someone who may really need us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, so that our friendships might last into eternity. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

Restrooms: At the far (south) side of the entry area.

Parents' Room: Also at the far (south) side of the entry area.



OPENING HYMN

"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

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ORDER OF SERVICE

"Service of the Word" CW, p. 38

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

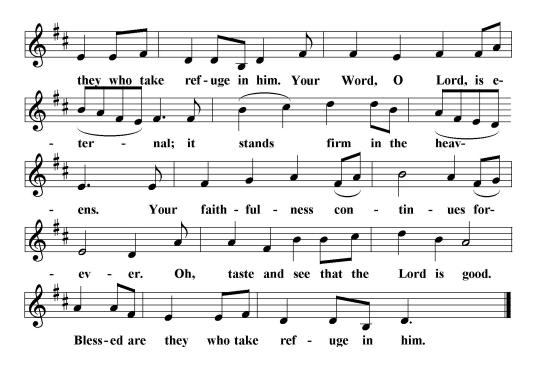
CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen. (spoken)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (spoken)

THE FIRST LESSON GENESIS 15:1-6

Fresh from the battle against the kings of the East, Abram has been blessed with full assurance that the Lord is his shield. Yet Abram longs to know the details of how the Lord is his great reward. At the invitation to view the celestial beauty of the Lord's creation, Abram is assured the Lord's great reward would not only be a son but a nation. In striking contrast to doubting Thomas, Abraham believed the Word of the Lord and it was credited to him as righteousness. After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

P: Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

C: Put your hope in God. For I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 145

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THE SECOND LESSON 2 PETER 1:16-21

Peter's testimony was certain because he was eyewitness. He had seen the glory of God in Christ on the mountain. He had seen the glory of life from death in the upper room. What did that mean? The New Testament church had a blessing: the word of the prophets made more certain by eyewitness of glory and resurrection. This word made more certain shines like light in the darkness of this world, illuminating our hearts and lives until the Morning Star returns.

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.
- P: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29)

THE GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 20:19-31

With repeated assurances of peace the gathered disciples are overjoyed to behold the risen Christ with their own eyes. Armed with the Ministry of the Keys, Jesus commissions them to proclaim their joy and open the kingdom of heaven to lost sinners. The visible and physical proofs demanded by Thomas anticipate future doubters of the Son of Man's divinity. In his grace we behold our risen Lord through Word and sacrament. How blessed by the Spirit are we: though we have not visibly seen, yet we see our Lord and God through eyes of faith.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples

when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ! (spoken)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Have No Fear, Little Flock" (p.9) CW, #442

SERMON John 20:26-31 "Our Living Lord Speaks."

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Members and guests alike are also asked to fill out the Friendship Register, pass the entire pad to the next person, and return it to the center aisle. Please include email and phone.

"O Lord, You Have in Your Pure Grace"

O Lord, you have in your pure grace
Made shine on us a Father's face: arise,
your holy name make known;
Take up your pow'r and reign alone;
On earth, in us, let your pure will
Be done as angels do it still.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P:** Lord, God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.
- **P:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptation of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.
- **P:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.
- **P:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers

- **P:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
 - Silent prayer
- **P:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

(p.10)

CW, #382:1-3

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION

P: O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



HYMN

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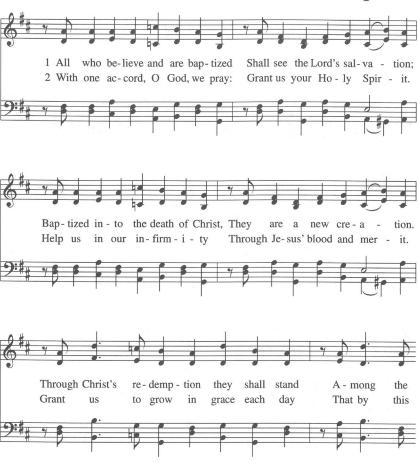
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SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Psalm 145



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;* his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;* they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall* and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

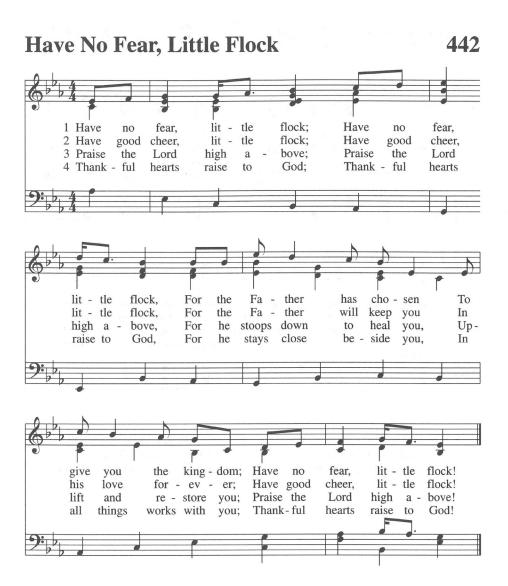
The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.* You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,* to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;* he hears their cry and saves them.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

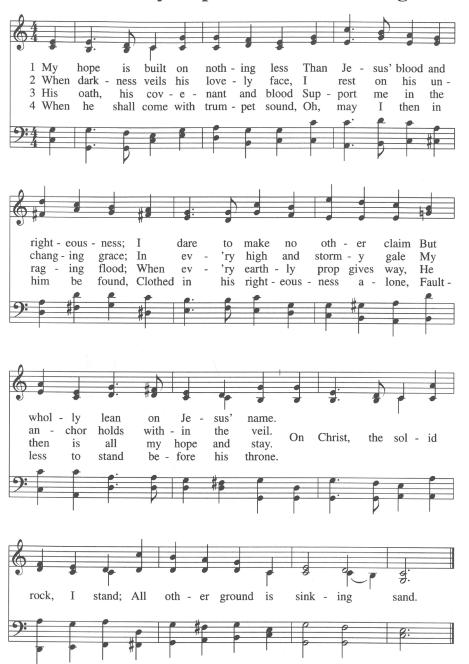


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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (4/24) **8:00** am Worship Service 9:15 am Adult & Teen Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 11:45 am Voter's Meeting Tuesday 10:30 am Senior Bible Study Wednesday 8:20 am Children's Chapel 4:00 pm Public School Confirmation Class Thursday 7:00 pm Worship Service w/Communion Saturday 10:30 am Confirmation Service 8:00 am Worship Service w/Communion Sunday (5/1) 9:15 am Adult & Teen Bible Study 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Confirmation Worship Service w/Communion

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson2 Kings 6:15-172nd LessonRevelations 3:14-22GospelJohn 14:23-29PsalmPsalm 65

LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday This service is also recorded for review after livestream. Link on our website (see below).

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HYMNS: 229, 442, 407:1, 382:1-3, 382:4

FIRST LESSON:
Genesis 15:1-6

SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 1:16-21

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

<u>SERMON</u>: John 20:26-31

"Our Living Lord Speaks."

FLOWERS:

The Flowers on the Altar this week are from Bob & Shirley Laabs in Celebration of their Anniversary.